

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY, HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1975, AT 6.30 P.M.
ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. C. A. Duff, Chairman, Mr. D. Chambers, Prof. A. Dickie, Rev. S. Drummond, S. J., Rev. A. Graham, S. J., Dr. H. Habib, Mr. R. Hahn, Mr. John James, Prof. J. Jenkins, Prof. T. Maag, Mr. P. M. McEntyre, Dr. J. McGraw, Dr. J. W. O'Brien, Rev. R. E. O'Connor, S. J., Prof. O.A. Pekau, Mr. J. J. Pepper, Mr. C. Secord, Dr. J. Smola, Mr. R. P. Duder, Secretary.

Advisory Board Member: Dr. I. R. Tait

OPEN SESSION

1. Chairman's Remarks

- (i) Deborah Gilmour, Norman McDonald and William Svehla. The Board expressed its sympathy with the families of the three students and the Chairman instructed the Secretary to write letters expressing this sympathy.

- (ii) Mr. Duff referred to the granting of an honorary degree to Mr. David Azrieli, pointing out that the recommendation of Mr. Azrieli, for this degree had gone through the regular procedures of the University. Mr. Azrieli had been a strong supporter of the University over a number of years. All universities needed the financial support of members of the Community and the negative publicity given to the granting of an honorary degree to Mr. Azrieli might well have an adverse effect on public support.

Mr. Duff also expressed his dislike of the remarks in a recent issue of "The Loyola News" concerning a successor to Dr. Smola being for Sir George Williams men only. He did not appreciate either, in the editorial of the same issue, the insinuations about the character of outside Board Members. He appealed for a more positive approach to the problems faced by the University.

2. Minutes of the previous (October 9) meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Business arising out of the minutes

The Chairman announced that Mr. C. Secord had been chosen by a caucus of the five student members of the Board to be the student representative on the Task Force on Council Organization for the Student Services Area. (Minute 7(b), p. 5 of the Minutes of the previous meeting refers.)

4. Committee Reports

The Chairman reported that the Executive Committee had met at noon on November 13 to approve the graduation lists for the Fall Convocation.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved this action of the Executive Committee.

5. Rector's remarks

The Part-time Students' Association (SGW Campus)

The Rector reviewed the establishment of the P.T.S.A. Constitution and the recent elections held under its terms. The elections were not a success because there were not candidates for enough of the positions to establish a quorum of the new Council. The Trustees had therefore cancelled the elections. This followed the experience of last spring when the referendum on the constitution had brought out a tiny number of voters. In such circumstances, should the University ask the Trustees to carry on and arrange another election, or should it interpret recent events as signifying that there was insufficient interest in the existence of a P.T.S.A.? If the second view were to be adopted, what action should ensue? The Rector thought there was still definite interest among evening students in having themselves represented on various bodies in the University.

Having considered these circumstances, the Rector had drawn up a proposal which he circulated and tabled until the next meeting. The essence of this proposal was the provision of an office to look after the needs of evening students.

Dr. O'Brien thought that the Trustees might have a report and views of their own to bring to the Board. He expressed the gratitude of the Board to the Trustees for their excellent work.

The Rector added that an attachment to his proposal was missing from the proposal and would be circulated with the minutes.

6. Elections to the Board.

At this point, the Chairman reported the election of Mr. John James to replace Mr. Peter Kontakos and the election of Mr. Donald Chambers to replace Mr. Gordon Frampton on the Board.

7. Staff Reports

Dr. Smola

- (i) M.A. students were likely to be allowed to use Quebec university libraries on the same terms as Ph.D. students and Faculty now enjoy.
- (ii) The Library had received the C.B.C. drama collection.
- (iii) The Concordia Benefits Committee had met to begin the rationalization of the Benefit Plans of SGW and Loyola.

Father Graham

- (i) Father Graham spoke of the recent death of Mr. B. McCallum, former Director of the Alumni Office at Loyola, and of the grave illness of Mr. St. Amour, the former Bursar of Loyola College. The Chairman instructed the Secretary to write a letter of sympathy to Mr. McCallum's widow expressing the sympathy of the Board.
- (ii) The Task Force on Council Organization for the Student Services' Area had begun its meetings.
- (iii) The Pub on the S.G.W. Campus would begin operations after Christmas.

8. New Business

- (a) The Chairman drew attention to the proposed use of the name "Stingers" for the athletic teams of Concordia.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the name "Stingers" for the athletic teams of Concordia University.

- (b) A resolution from the D.S.A. and the L.S.A. asking the support of the Board in their attempts to obtain a student card for busses was introduced. This resolution reads as follows:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Governors of Concordia University support the endeavours of the L.S.A. and D.S.A. in their attempts to obtain a "student card" for all fulltime students of Concordia University."

On a motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was carried.

(c) Notices of motion from the Task Force on the Council Organization of Student Services.

The Chairman drew attention to two notices of motion which had been passed by the Task Force. These would be taken up at the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Duff emphasized that the Task Force not allow procedural difficulties to delay its recommendations to the Board. Time is important and delays could force the Board into taking some action before the final recommendations were submitted to it.

(d) Part-time Students' Association: Trustees

Mr. James reported that the Board of Trustees of the P.T.S.A. had met on November 12 and would be preparing a position paper for the Board advocating the retention of the P.T.S.A.

9. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting would take place in the Hall Building on December 11 at noon.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

R. P. Duder
Secretary of the Board

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